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In re patent application of
Wallace T.Y. TANG
Serial No. 08/401,229
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Group Art Unit: 2501
Examiner: J. Lee

For: IN-SITU REAL-TIME MONITORING TECHNIQUE AND APPARATUS
FOR ENDPOINT DETECTION OF THIN FILMS DURING
CHEMICAL/MECHANICAL POLISHING PLANARIZATION

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Sir:

The above-identified application has been pending for at least two years as of June 8, 1995, and no appeal brief has been filed nor is the application abandoned. This application is accordingly entitled under Rule 129(a) to the automatic withdrawal of the finality of the outstanding final rejection, and to entry and consideration on the merits of any Amendment filed and upon payment of the Rule 17(r) fee.

Automatic withdrawal of the finality of the Final Rejection dated February 15, 1996, and entry and consideration on the merits of the Amendment filed June 17, 1996 are respectfully requested.

A Petition for Extension of Time is filed herewith to extend the original due date to cover the date this Request is filed for which the requisite fee is attached.

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A check in the amount of \$770.00 covering the Petition for Extension of Time and the After-Final fees.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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